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OPA Daily Digest for 7/31/13

Congressional Inquiries:

Rep. John Shimkus (Ill.) – 7/1/13: Rep. Shimkus requests a West Lake Landfill site visit. Due: 7/8/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Sen. Tom Harkin (Iowa) – 7/22/13: Requesting status of a letter asking for clarification regarding the establishment of clean water act technology-based requirements for water treatment plants. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

Sen. Chuck Grassley (Iowa) – 7/25/13: Requesting clarification regarding EPA's stance on the establishment of clean water act technology-based requirements for water treatment plants. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

None

Environmental Stories:

News Observer - EPA: Testing at West Lake Landfill continues - 7/31/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency continues testing at a suburban St. Louis landfill where radioactive waste is buried. Meanwhile, the EPA told KMOX Radio that it is watching what happens at the Bridgeton Landfill that sits next to the radioactive waste. Underground smoldering at the Bridgeton Landfill is causing an odor problem in that area of St. Louis County.
<http://www.newsobserver.com/2013/07/31/3071996/epa-testing-at-west-lake-landfill.html>

Belleville News-Democrat - EPA: Testing at West Lake Landfill continues - 7/31/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency continues testing at a suburban St. Louis landfill where radioactive waste is buried. Meanwhile, the EPA told KMOX Radio that it is watching what happens at the Bridgeton Landfill that sits next to the radioactive waste. Underground smoldering at the Bridgeton Landfill is causing an odor problem in that area of St. Louis County.
<http://www.bnd.com/2013/07/31/2720377/epa-testing-at-west-lake-landfill.html>

Bradenton Herald - EPA: Testing at West Lake Landfill continues - 7/31/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency continues testing at a suburban St. Louis landfill where radioactive waste is buried. Meanwhile, the EPA told KMOX Radio that it is watching what happens at the Bridgeton Landfill that sits next to the radioactive waste. Underground smoldering at the Bridgeton Landfill is causing an odor problem in that area of St. Louis County.

<http://www.bradenton.com/2013/07/31/4636371/epa-testing-at-west-lake-landfill.html>

KMOX-TV - Dooley: Nothing County Can Do About Burning Bridgeton Landfill - 7/31/13 - Bridgeton residents have been calling on state and federal agencies to put a stop to the underground fire at the Bridgeton Landfill but St. Louis County officials said Tuesday there is nothing they can do to mitigate the situation.

<http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2013/07/31/dooley-nothing-county-can-do-about-burning-bridgeton-landfill/>

KMOX-TV - EPA Says It's Moving Ahead With West Lake Landfill Tests - 7/31/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency says it is continuing testing at the radioactive West Lake Landfill while also watching what is happening next-door at the smoldering Bridgeton Landfill.

<http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2013/07/31/epa-says-its-moving-ahead-with-west-lake-landfill-tests/>

Southeast Missourian - Mild summer keeps ozone levels low - 7/31/13 - Not once this summer has the ozone level exceeded the EPA's desired standards. The most recent reading at the monitoring station near Farrar, Mo., was about 65 parts per billion -- well below the EPA's 2008 National Ambient Air Quality Standard of 75 parts per billion.

<http://www.semissourian.com/story/1990071.html>

MSNBC - Obama's new EPA chief: We're not killing jobs - 7/31/13 - President Obama's pick to head the Environmental Protection Agency is wasting no time in laying out an aggressive agenda to curb global warming—remarks sure to draw the ire of Republicans.

<http://tv.msnbc.com/2013/07/30/new-epa-chief-makes-economic-case-for-regulations/>

Washington Post - Bob Perciasepe staying put at EPA - 7/31/13 - As the deputy administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, some observers figured he might have been in line to get the job heading the agency when it came open this year (though the fact that as a white guy, he didn't add any diversity to the cabinet probably didn't help him). But he's obviously not letting getting passed over bug him.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/in-the-loop/post/bob-perciasepe-staying-put-at-epa/2013/07/30/d6d5e35a-f950-11e2-b018-5b8251f0c56e_blog.html

KSDK-TV - West Lake Landfill prayer vigil held - 7/31/13 - A prayer vigil was held Wednesday at West Lake Landfill. Franciscan Sisters of Mary marked the first truckload of radioactive waste dumped at the site 40 years ago Wednesday.

<http://www.ksdk.com/news/article/390691/3/Prayer-vigil-held-at-West-Lake-Landfill>

The Fresno Bee - EPA: Testing at West Lake Landfill continues - 7/31/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency continues testing at a suburban St. Louis landfill where radioactive waste is buried.

<http://www.fresnobee.com/2013/07/31/3416363/epa-testing-at-west-lake-landfill.html>

Ozarks First - City Applies for DNR Grant to Make Water Quality Improvements - 7/31/13 - Water preservation is one reason Springfield City Council members held an emergency meeting Tuesday. The Council wanted to make a 5 p.m. deadline to apply for a \$787,000 grant from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The grant would improve water quality in streams.

<http://www.ozarksfirst.com/story/city-applies-for-dnr-grant-to-make-water-quality-improvements/d/story/4jVIK4U5GEGoZ1YVPikkuQ>

Democrat News - Stopping harmful EPA regulations - 7/31/13 - Nothing kills a job faster than a Washington regulation. When I ask farm families, small business owners and municipal leaders which federal agency poses the greatest threat to rural Missouri, they always give the same answer, the EPA. President Obama's Environmental Protection Agency seems to be focused on killing jobs and hurting our district's rural economy. The House of Representatives is taking action to prevent the EPA from imposing new regulations with two common sense pieces of legislation.

http://dailyjournalonline.com/democrat-news/news/opinion/columnists/legislative/stopping-harmful-epa-regulations/article_cc04f018-fa1a-11e2-bbd7-0019bb2963f4.html

Columbia Missourian - EPA: Testing at West Lake Landfill continues - The Environmental Protection Agency continues testing at a suburban St. Louis landfill where radioactive waste is buried.

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<http://www.columbiamissourian.com/a/164191/epa-testing-at-west-lake-landfill-continues/>

National Law Review - Texas Among States Alleging EPA Noncompliance with Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Regarding Records of Negotiation/Settlement with Nongovernmental Organizations (NGOs) - 7/31/13 - On July 16, 2013, the Texas Attorney General, along with eleven other states, filed a complaint against the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") to compel compliance with the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA").

<http://www.natlawreview.com/article/texas-among-states-alleging-epa-noncompliance-freedom-information-act-foia-regarding>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

8/14-15/13 – Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Awards Ceremony, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

8/27/13 – Visit Kickapoo Nation, Horton, Kan. Contact: Wolfgang Brandner, 7381

9/13/13 – Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, Kan. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

DRA:

None

RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

8/7/13 – Attending quarterly meeting with MDNR, Sedalia, Mo. Contact: Amy Bhesania, 7147.

9/18/13 – Providing training to the Allergy Foundation of America, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Bob Dye, 7605.

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None

ECO/EJ

None

ENSV

None

PLMG

None

RA/OPA

None

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8/5 - 9/13 - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

8/12 - 16/13 - Groundwater contamination investigation and site-related meetings, Plating Inc. Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

8/13-14/13 – EPA/DOD Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program and Environmental Security Technology Certification Program conference, Washington, DC.
Contact: Clint Sperry, 7157

8/19-8/23/13 - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

8/26-8/29/13 - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

8/28/13 – State of Missouri – Chem/Bio Functional Exercise, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Megan Schuette, 7630

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8/1/13 – Meeting with Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Des Moines, Iowa. Contacts: Karen Flournoy, 7782, David Cozad, 7587, Leslie Humphrey, 7227

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